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1. DESCRIPTION IN REFTTEL OF FUTURE NSF/ROK BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IS PUZZLING. THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) IS NOT PLANNING ANY MEETING WITH ROK TO DISCUSS BILATERAL S&T COOPERATION. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTTEL WHETHER CONCEPT WAS RAISED BY ROK OR DR. HAMMOND, OR WAS SIMPLY A MISUNDERSTANDING SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE. NSF'S ROLE IN S&T COOPERATION WITH ROK HAS BEEN MINIMAL AND PRIMARILY LIMITED TO ACTIVITIES UNDER AID FUNDED SEED PROGRAM.

2. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW OF ROK PROPOSALS FOR US/ROK BILATERAL S&T COOPERATION IS UNDERWAY. YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF OUR VIEWS AT SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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